**SUBJECT:** Code of Conduct – Facility& Park Patrons

**POLICY:**

Parks & Recreation Department patrons expect our facilitie**s** and parks to be safe, clean and pleasant environments. This Patron Code of Conduct is intended to encourage behavior supporting the Department’s mission to involve individuals in a variety of healthy activities in a welcoming environment. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it interferes with our mission, impinges on use and enjoyment of others or causes an unsafe or unsanitary condition.

**PROCEDURE:**

The Parks & Recreation Department will uphold all state laws and local ordinances in regard to public behavior. A person violating any of the following rules will first be given a verbal warning, followed by a written warning if the behavior is repeated, and finally, may be asked to leave the premises. Facility or Park privileges may be limited or suspended for violating this Patron Code of Conduct. Under extreme situations, patrons who refuse to comply with this policy may be subject to immediate suspension or subject to arrest under Trespass Laws, Chapter 810, Florida Statutes.

Patrons shall be engaged in activities or services associated with use of the facilityor park while on the premises. Patrons not actively participating in planned programs, on-site activities or agency services shall be required to leave the premises.

The following behaviors, as well as any other behaviors disrupting use of the facility or park, are unacceptable and prohibited:

* loitering without purpose or intent to engage in activity or agency services;
* abusive, boisterous, disruptive, loud, obscene or threatening language/behavior;
* smoking in or on the premises, except in designated areas; or within 100’ of any youth involved in any recreational activity;
* food or open beverages in restricted areas;
* use of alcohol or illegal substances on facility and park property;
* smoking, bathing, chewing tobacco or sleeping on facility premises;
* misuse of restrooms (i.e.; using as a laundry or washing facility, or any unsanitary action);
* interfering with another person’s use of the facility**/**park or with staff/volunteer performance of duties;
* solicitation for goods or money within the facilityor park or its immediate grounds;
* leaving bags unattended in any facility or parkland propertyor obstructing aisles or seating (items must be able to fit under a chair);
* sleeping on sidewalks or right of way’s in parkland and other city facilities;
* leaving personal items unattended [they will be immediately removed];

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* bringing any type of vehicle into the building other than wheelchairs or other power-driven mobility devices;
* offensive bodily hygiene constituting a nuisance to others;
* entering non-public areas such as staff workrooms, offices,maintenance sheds or other areas marked “staff only”;
* damaging or defacing facilityor parkland property;
* inappropriate attire (e.g. required pants, shirt, shoes, etc.);
* theft;
* carrying a weapon (any person authorized to carry a weapon must notify facility staff that he/she is carrying a weapon into the facility, on facility/parkland premises or on trips);
* threatening or harassing staff or patrons;
* physically harming staff or patrons;
* sexual conduct or any other behavior which is considered a violation of Florida Statutes;
* use of internet for illegal purposes or intentional disruption of computer systems;
* all animals must be a leash and dog excreta properly removed and disposed of;
* no hitting of golf balls except at city approved golf courses or designated areas such as Dell Holmes Park;
* no unauthorized motor vehicles in parkland;
* parks are open thirty [30] minutes before sunrise and close at 11:00 p.m., it is unlawful to be in any facility of park after this time unless it is an official city function or co-sponsored event;
* be respectful and obey any posted signage or rules at any facility or park at all times

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